be placed before magistrates and punished. Moreover, it is not fair and reasonable to compel any one to work compulsorily for half a day. This system should not be introduced here.

Dewan.—During the regime of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, this subject came up for consideration and was several times discussed in this Assembly. The proposition was lost. This can be enforced only in villages where Village Panchayets have been constituted and not in other villages. The views of the Assembly will be taken in the matter of legislation when the time comes. No legislation can be undertaken now. An allotment has been sanctioned this year for grant towards village improvement. People should co-operate and show progress.

SUBJECT No. 45.

Entry in the *khaneshumari* account of the dimensions of building sites in villages.

Mr. G. Rama Reddi, Bowringpet Taluk.

Mr. Rama Reddi.—Vacant building sites in villages are not being properly measured and shown in the village *khaneshumari* account at present. There is thus scope for encroachment on vacant sites. The unoccupied Government building sites in all villages should, therefore, be ordered to be measured properly and shown in the village *khaneshumari* account.

Dewan.—The Revenue Commissioner has been asked to make a report to Government in this matter.

Revenue Commissioner.—Details as to extent, boundaries, etc., of private sites will be noted as suggested. If this is done, there will be no necessity to give similar details in respect of Government sites.

Mr. Purushothamanandagiri Gosai.—If such details are given, there will be greater scope for civil litigation.

SUBJECTS No. 46.

Time limit for the disposal of applications for loans.

Mr. Suranagi Siddabasappa, Shikarpur Taluk.

Mr. Siddabasappa.—There is much delay in the disposal of applications for loans and the raiyats are put to much inconvenience and trouble. A time limit may be fixed for the disposal of such applications.

Dewan.—This will be done.

[On the 5th October 1922 the Dewan told the members that, after the copies of the Interpellations were distributed to them, they might express their views whether to have the election of members for the Economic Development Board.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao and others.—The election might be postponed.

Dewan.—May the elections connected with the Budget Finance Committee and Legislative Council also be postponed ?

All members agreed to it.

SUBJECT No. 47.

Reduction of rates of assessment in resurvey and settlement.

Messrs. B. Rangarajiah, Mudgere Taluk, and Javali Ganesh Rao, Kadur District Board.

Mr. B. Rangarajiah.—In malnad parts, the condition of people and agriculture are quite different from what it is in maidan. There are no tanks, wells or canals for irrigating wet lands. The wet cultivation mostly depends on rainwater. Rice is the chief food crop, but what is produced in the locality is not sufficient for maintenance. The necessaries of life have to be got from distance. There are not much facilities of communication. The living is thus very costly. The rates of assessment fixed during resettlement are very high and it is hard for poor